

Amendments to the claims:

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1. (currently amended) A half bearing constituting a cylindrical plain bearing for supporting a shaft for rotation when two of the half bearings are combined together, the half bearing having two circumferential ends each of which has a plurality of circumferential grooves without formation of any crush relief surface, wherein the grooves extend substantially over an overall circumferential dimension of the half bearing and include portions located at both circumferential ends of the half bearing respectively, each said portion having a larger axially sectional area than the grooves formed in a portion of the half bearing mainly subjected to load during rotation of the shaft.

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2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A half bearing according to claim 21, wherein said portions of the grooves located at both circumferential ends respectively are deeper than the grooves formed in the portion of the half bearing mainly subjected to load during rotation of the shaft.